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1. Japan Patent Laying Open No. 2001-161884;
2. Japan Patent Laying Open No. 10-15143;
3. Japan Utility Model Laying Open No. 55-161573;
4. Japan Patent Laying Open No. 11-206949;
5. Japan Patent Laying Open No. 8-215367;
6. Japan Utility Model Laying Open No. 3-96870;
7. Japan Utility Model Laying Open No. 62-9482; and
8. Japan Utility Model Laying Open No. 59-145965.

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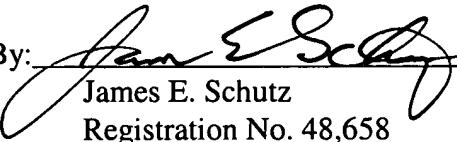
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